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1. At the conference of editors-in-chief held by the SED Central Committee on 15 November 1952, the press was ordered to give wide publicity to the KPD program for the unification of Germany because this program set forth the platform for a rally of national elements in West Germany and embodied the strategy for the overthrow of the Adenauer Government.¹ Newspapers were asked to include a feature entitled "Echo of the People". This column would contain "letters to the editors" commenting favorably on the Communist Party program for the unification of Germany and stressing the necessity for an active fight against the Adenauer Government. The editorial staffs of newspapers were directed to work out plans for the organization of public opinion polls regarding the KPD action program.
2. The editors-in-chief were asked to stress Wilhelm Pieck's declaration concerning the common fight of German and French patriots against the revival of German imperialism. This declaration was to be commented on in detail because it was the expression of a genuine German foreign policy. Newspapers were to reveal the hypocrisy of the slogan of a united Europe and to point out that the West was only striving to unite imperialistic forces in a small section of the continent.
3. The newspapers were further ordered to give wider publicity to the West German wage policy. The demand of West German miners for shorter hours and increased wages was to be supported. It was pointed out that social unrest was to be expected in West Germany.

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1. Comment. This program was issued by the KPD in Duesseldorf on 2 November 1952. It has been frequently commented on in the Communist press.

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